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REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated March 31, 2006. Claims 1-63 were pending.

The Office Action indicates that claims 1-45 are allowed and that claims 51-54 and 60-62 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 46, 55 and 63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No.6,650,440 to Wing. Claims 47-50 and 56-59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly obvious over Wing.

By this Amendment, claims 46-50, 55-59 and 63 have been canceled, without disclaimer or prejudice to applicant's right to pursue the claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications, and claims 51-54 and 60-62 have been amended to rewrite the claims in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 1-45, 51-54 and 60-62 are now pending.

In view of the amendments to the claims and remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, since each of the pending claims (1-45, 51-54 and 60-62) is allowable. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

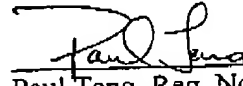
If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is

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respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Teng", is written over a horizontal line.

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